

CLAIMS

proposed claim

1. A friction hinge comprising:
 - a rotatable shaft;
 - 5 a band having a circular spring portion which defines an opening in which said shaft is rotatably inserted therewithin for providing frictional torque between said shaft and said spring portion of said band, said band further including tail portion having at least one edge;
 - a reinforcing rib disposed [against] adjacent to said at least one edge of said
 - 10 band tail portion [in response to said shaft being fully inserted within said spring portion opening], said rib preventing flexing of said tail portion when said spring portion of said band rotates relative said shaft; and
 - a movement preventing member providing engagement between said reinforcing rib and said band tail portion to prevent axial [means for preventing]
 - 15 movement [of] between said reinforcing rib [away from] and said at least one edge of said tail portion [even if] when said shaft is at least partially retracted from within said spring portion opening.